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TOWING VEHICLE, A SYSTEM)
COMPRISING A TRAILER AND A TOWING)
VEHICLE, AND A METHOD OF STEERING A)
TRAILER AROUND A TURNING POINT) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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1. German patent publication no. 28 44 684.
2. French patent publication no. 1,526,035.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of non-English documents 1 and 2 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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3. Belgium patent publication no 473218. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1 and 4 of the specification of the present application.
4. European patent publication no. 0 350 008. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.
5. European patent publication no. 0 862 855. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.
6. European patent publication no. 0 653 343. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
7. ESDERS et al., O + P Othydraulik and Pneumatik, 38, Nr. 4, (1994).
8. German patent publication no. 893 298.

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